

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 4, 6, 13, and 53 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 56, and 57 have been amended to include a limitation from now canceled claim 53. Claim 68 has been added to include a limitation previously recited in claim 1. Therefore, no new matter has been added. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-52, and 54-68 are now pending in this application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, and 14-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0049646 (Wilkinson). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Wilkinson does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed invention as recited in claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-52, and 54-67. Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to swear behind Wilkinson as a prior art reference.

Claims 1, 56, and 57 have been amended to include the limitation of now canceled claim 53. Therefore, no new matter has been added. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-12, 14-52, 54, 55, and 58-67 depend from claim 1. Claim 1, as amended, recites:

providing a screen display indicating an affiliation with a referring party;

Claim 56, as amended, recites:

means for providing a screen display indicating an affiliation with a referring party;

Claim 57, as amended, recites:

provide a screen display indicating an affiliation with a referring party;

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner lists limitations from various claims including claim 1 and states that Wilkinson teaches the limitations. Applicant respectfully disagrees because there is no disclosure, suggestion, or teaching in Wilkinson of at least the

limitation “providing a screen display indicating an affiliation with a referring party” as required by amended claims 1, 56, and 57.

Wilkinson states:

Similarly, the program may comprise recording screening data for each supplier identifying each demander previously rejected by that supplier, so that when the searcher is a demander, the output omits from the search results information corresponding to suppliers who have previously rejected the searcher.

(see page 7, paragraph [0058], emphasis added through underlining). Thus, any referring supplier who has rejected the demander is omitted from the information provided to the demander. Therefore, Wilkinson fails to disclose, suggest, or teach, and in fact, teaches away from “providing a screen display indicating an affiliation with a referring party.”

An anticipation rejection cannot be properly maintained where the references used in the rejection do not disclose all of the recited claim elements. Applicant respectfully traverses any arguments posed by the Examiner relative to claims 2, 3, 5, 7-12, 14-52, 54, 55, and 58-67 which depend from claim 1 as claims 2, 3, 5, 7-12, 14-52, 54, 55, and 58-67 are allowable for at least the reasons outlined above relative to claim 1. New claim 68 also depends from claim 1 and is allowable for at least the reasons outlined above relative to claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-52, and 54-68.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

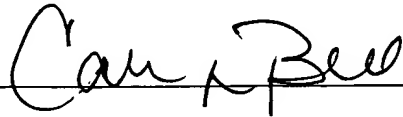
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper

or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

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